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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY**  
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(PCT Rule 44bis)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 031184WO	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b>	
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International application No. PCT/EP2004/014021	International filing date ( <i>day/month/year</i> ) 09 December 2004 (09.12.2004)	Priority date ( <i>day/month/year</i> ) 12 December 2003 (12.12.2003)
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237		
Applicant CARCOUSTICS TECH CENTER GMBH		

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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC <b>B60R13/08</b>			
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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement																										
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<p>2. Citations and explanations:</p> <p>Reference is made to the following document:</p> <p>D1: DE 196 27 106 A1 (HP-CHEMIE PELZER RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT LTD., WATERFORD, IE) 6 March 1997 (1997-03-06)</p> <p>Document D1 is considered to be the closest prior art in relation to the subject matter of claim 1. It discloses (the references between parentheses refer to this document; cf. column 5, lines 4-12, claims 1 and 4, and figure 4) a tread-resistant and sound-insulating floor covering for a motor vehicle, in particular a commercial vehicle, comprising a decorative layer (cf. claim 4) and, arranged below the decorative layer, a tread-resistant blow-moulded part (16'').</p> <p>The subject matter of claim 1 differs from the known floor covering in that the blow-moulded part is provided on its upper side with a substantially closed cover plate and on its lower side with a structural part, the cover plate and the structural part having different wall thicknesses, and there being formed within the structural</p>																											

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part a plurality of box-shaped or cup-shaped hollow chambers which are open on one side but closed on their lower side, at least a number of the hollow chambers, closed off to the outside, belonging to a common air space enclosed between the cover plate and the structural part, and the structural part being backed with foam.

The subject matter of claim 1 is therefore novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

The problem addressed by the present invention can therefore be considered that of providing a floor covering which has a satisfactory appearance and improved sound insulation in combination with optimum tread resistance.

The solution to this problem, as proposed in claim 1 of the present application, involves an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)) since this solution does not appear obvious from the documents cited in the international search report.

Claims 2 to 12 are dependent on claim 1 and therefore likewise meet the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step.